

PROCLAMATION

BY THE

Governor of the State of Texas

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME:

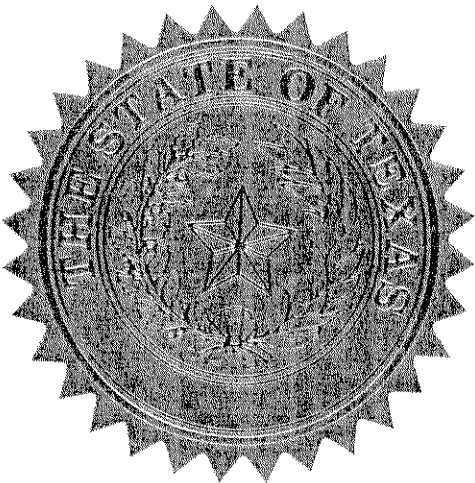
Pursuant to Article IV, Section 14, of the Texas Constitution, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, do hereby disapprove of and veto House Bill No. 2525 as passed by the Seventy-Ninth Texas Legislature, Regular Session, because of the following objections:

House Bill No. 2525 would discourage competition in public sector capital project development by limiting how government may contract for design and construction services. The limitations and extra contracting requirements contained in this bill would likely result in increased costs and project delays for taxpayers.

The bill requires government entities to contract independently for construction materials engineering, testing, and inspection services, which will drive up costs for a number of public projects such as school construction.

Restricting the ability to use "turnkey" contracts and requiring certain procurement processes serves to benefit segments of private industry over the public interest. Capital improvement projects funded by tax dollars should benefit from the same free market competition as the private sector.

Since the Legislature by its adjournment has prevented the return of this bill, I am filing these objections in the office of the Secretary of State and giving notice thereof by this public proclamation according to the aforementioned constitutional provision.



IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have signed my name officially and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed hereto at Austin, this 17th day of June, 2005.

Rick Perry

RICK PERRY
Governor of Texas

ATTESTED BY:

Roger Williams
ROGER WILLIAMS
Secretary of State

FILED IN THE OFFICE OF THE
SECRETARY OF STATE
2:30pm O'CLOCK

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